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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN PARTICIPATION IN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

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DEPT AND SMITHSONIAN DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO EMBASSY FOR ITS
EFFORTS AND DEGREE OF SUCCESS OBTAINED IN REVERSING NIGERIAN
LAST MINUTE DECISION AGAINST PARTICIPATING IN FESTIVAL.
PLEASE ALSO CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION TO DR. GARBA ASHIWAJU
AND TELL HIM WE EXPECTING TROOP JULY 7 AND TO RECEIVE ETA
SOONEST. PLEASE ALSO POINT OUT THAT SINCE FESTIVAL TO BE
CLOSED JULY 8 AND 9, RESUMING FOR FINAL WEEK ON JULY 10,
TROOP CHANCES OF ADEQUATE WASHINGTON APPEARANCES (BEFORE
LARGEST AUDIENCES EXPECTED DURING NIGERIAN VISIT)
WOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED BY ARRIVAL BEFORE JULY 7 IF AT ALL
POSSIBLE. TROOP COMMITTED TO BEGIN TOUR JULY 11 IN OHIO.
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